

**Export of Castor Oil to Russia**

3945. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any restrictions on the export of Castor oil to Russia and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when these were imposed;

(c) whether it is now proposed to remove those restrictions; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

**Import and Export Policy on Cotton**

3946. SHRI M. R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimation of cotton crops for the year 1992-93;

(b) whether the Import and Export Policy on cotton announced recently has affected the price of unginned cotton;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this is likely to affect the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No estimate of cotton crop for the 1992-93 cotton season can be made at this stage.

(b) No fresh policy on Import and Export of cotton has been announced recently.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Constitution of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation**

3947. SHRI HARI KUSHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to constitute a National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be constituted; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The public sector banks are required to take various steps to facilitate adequate flow of credit to minority communities which, inter alia, including setting up of special cells in each bank, reviewing regularly the flow of credit to minority communities and progress made in this regard at the meeting of the District Consultative Committees and State Level Bankers Committees, giving wide publicity about various anti-poverty programmes of the government wherever there is a large concentration of minority communities and particularly in 40 districts identified having concentration of minority communities, appointment of an officer exclusively to look after the problems regarding credit flow to minority communities by the lead banks in each of the 40 districts, organ-